

Carrying Balance.....

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I had a two fold motivation for making this bag carry all for my newly acquired wii fit. The primary reason was that I needed something to protect it from ferret teeth when it was not in use. They realllly liked the little cup feet on the bottom of the board as well as all the rubber fittings anywhere else on it. Secondly I was heading on vacation and my friend had a wii and she wanted to try it out, so I wanted to have something to carry it all in along with my mario kart wheel and wiimote. Are you nerded out yet? Haha. So this was the end result of those two needs.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 yard of vinyl or oil cloth
- 3/4 yard of upholstery fabric
- 16 inch zipper
- 18 inch zipper



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Directions:

1. 2.5 - Cut two 3" wide lengths of the upholstery fabric so it's about 45" X 3".

2. Place your balance board on a double layer of vinyl and your upholstery fabric and cut around the balance board, leaving 3 inches on all sides and rounding the corners. It should measure about 25" X 15".

3. Cut your upholstery fabric down so it is 15 1/2" X 15" and then cut that into two pieces. Mine divided into 5 3/4" X 15" and 9 1/4" X 15".

4. Sew the 16" zipper to the two pieces of upholstery fabric. Fold and press the top straight side of the upholstery fabric 1/4". Top stitch it to make a nice finished seam. Then line up the upholstery fabric and one of the vinyl pieces and use a long stitch to quickly secure the two pieces together. Go over the straight edge with a smaller straight stitch.

5. Fold and press each long side of your strap pieces by 1/4 inch. Place them together and straight stitch 1/8 inch from each side of the fabric, wrong sides facing together. Fold each short end under and straight stitch.

6. Place your strap end on the right bottom side of the back piece of the bag with right sides facing up. Sew an X and then a square around the X on the strap to secure it to the bag. Place the other end of the strap on the left top side of the back piece with right sides facing up. Sew another X with a square around it to secure it.

7. Sew your zipper into the top of the bag and slightly down the side. I'm not a zipper expert, so you should go with what you know or what the professionals say. One word of advise though, get a utility zipper for this part. I used an invisible zipper because that is what I had on hand and it just wasn't strong/wide enough to hold the seam.



8. Open up your zipper and place your two vinyl pieces right sides together (with the strap pulled through the open zipper space so you don't sew it to something you are not supposed to). Sew around the edges of the bag with a fairly tight stitch starting at one end of the zipper and going around the bag and ending at the other side. I did a little horizontal stitch at each end and start and did two go arounds on all sides so they were extra secure (all sides not including the zipper space, don't make an unstuffed pillow!).



Turn it all right sides out and presto change-o! You have a balance board carry all. I can actually fit my wiimote, the game and a mario kart wheel in the front pocket! I also slid my yoga mat into the bag with the balance board. I just left the zipper slightly unzipped around it. Hooray! Enjoy and have fun getting fit!